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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicat			)	
George Verlaan et al.			) Examiner:	H 120 1
Serial No.:	09/770,773	./	) Brian Kwon	600/20
Filed:	January 26, 2001	;	) Art Unit: 1614 )	8
Title: REHYDRATION COMPOSITION			) )	

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement mailed March 6, 2003.

## **REMARKS**

At page two of the instant Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between two groups of inventions, namely claims 33-39 and 44-45, drawn to a process of using a fluid comprising a methyl amine, a flavonolignan, digestible carbohydrates and/or minerals for the treatment or prevention hypohydration (Group I), and claims 40 and 43, drawn to a process of making said fluid

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants believe that the subject matter of Group I claims 33-39 and 44-45 and Group II claims 40 and 43 is interrelated to the extent that a search and examination of the subject matter of those claims in the same application would not be overburdensome.

Notwithstanding, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 33-39 and 44-45 for prosecution on the merits. Applicants note that the Examiner will also examine claims 1-32 and 41-

42 on the merits along with the elected claims 33-39 and 44-45. Please apply any charges or credits

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Pasnectfully submitted,

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